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SUBJECT: JACKSON-NUNN AMENDMENT

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1. DUE TO EUROPEAN TRAVELS OF FOREIGN MINISTER MORO AND SECRETARY GENERAL GAJA AND INVIEW OF URGENCY OF SUBJECT MATTER, AMBASSADOR TRANSMITTED REVISED TEXT OF JACKSON-NUNN INTERPRETATION TO GAJA UNDER COVER OF A PERSONAL LETTER, DRAWING ON POINTS CONTAINED REFTELS.

2. IN ADDITION, AMBASSADOR, REFERRING TO HIS PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH GAJA AND MORO ON BURDENSARING, NOTED THAT TIMES HAD NOW CHANGED IN THAT JACKSON-NUNN HAD BECOME LAW. HE STRESSED THAT OUR PRESENT NEED WAS THUS TO FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF ACTUAL LEGISLATION RATHER THAN MERELY TO COPE WITH TRENDS OF PUBLIC OPINION. THERE WAS NO LONGER ANY
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QUESTION THAT THE EUROPEANS WOULD HAVE TO MAKE EXTRA EFFORTS IF

U.S. TROOP STRENGTH IN EUROPE WAS TO BE MAINTAINED. IN
CONCLUSION, THE AMBASSADOR RECALLED THE SECRETARY'S PUBLIC
STATEMENTS ON OUR COMMITMENT TO NATO AND SAID WE
CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY THAT ALL ALLIES WHO SHARE THIS
COMMITMENT COME TO GRIPS WITH AND FINALLY SOLVE THE BURDENSARING
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